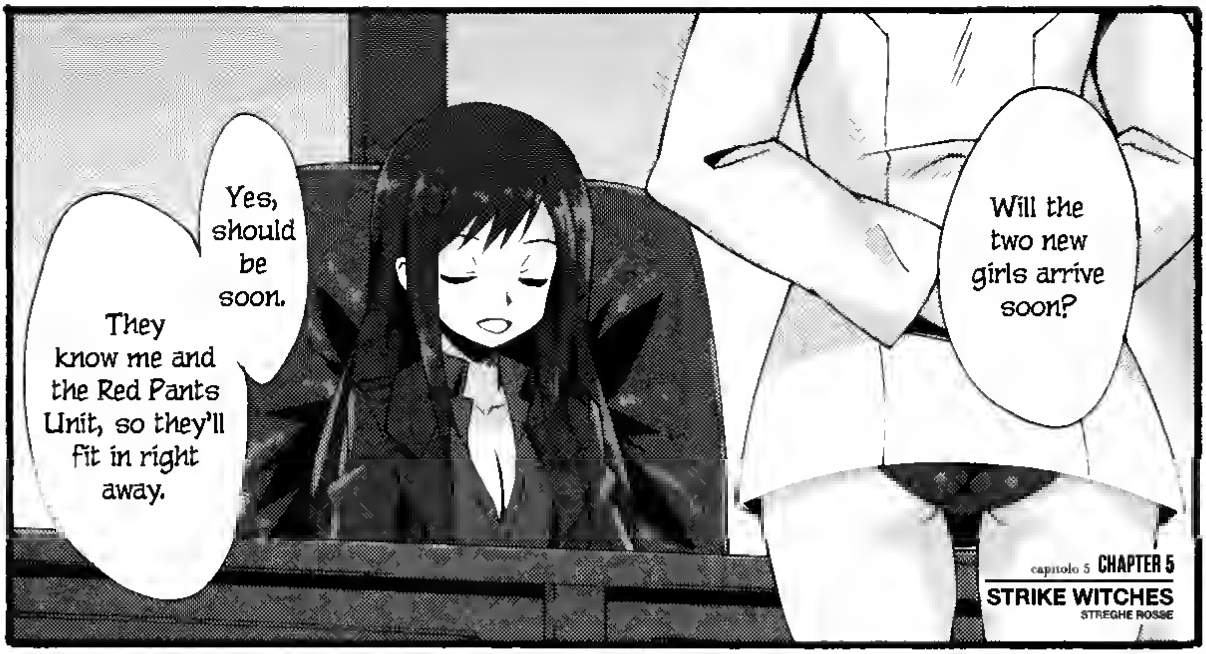
Will the two new girls arrive soon?
Yes, should be soon.
They know me and the Red Pants Unit, so they'll fit in right away.
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tap
tap
tap
tap

creak

knock
knock
Oh, here they are!
Come in.

FLIGHT OFFICER PATRICIA SCHADE REPORTING IN.
FLIGHT OFFICER ANGELA SALAS LARRAZABAL REPORTING IN.
We'll be in your care from now on.

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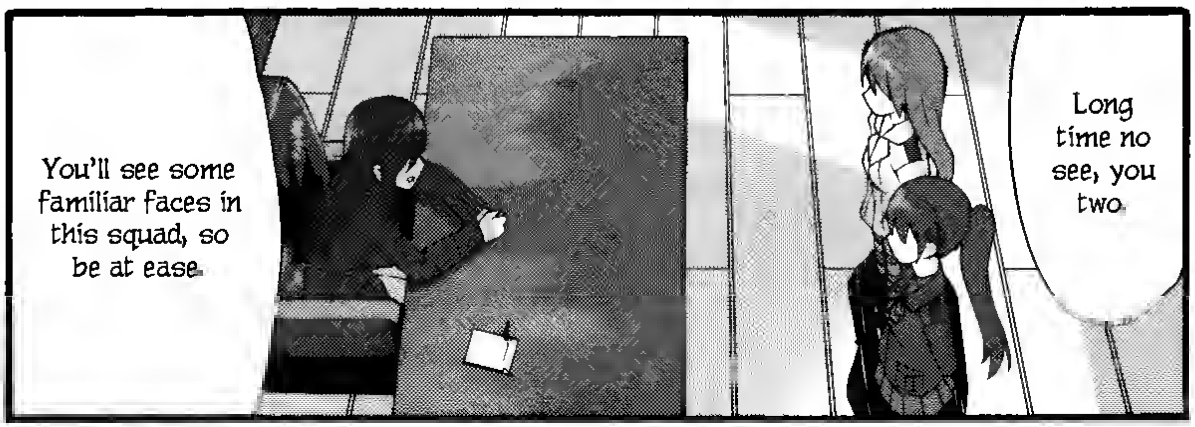


I know it's sudden, but I have a question.
Hm? What is it?
How is the injury you sustained in Africa?
Is it bad enough that it will give problems in battle?
Startled
ANGIE, THAT'S RUDE!!
How? It's important we know.
Move
...Hmm...
In the air I won't be engaging enemies.
So there's no need to be concerned.
I'm all right. It's nothing you should worry about.

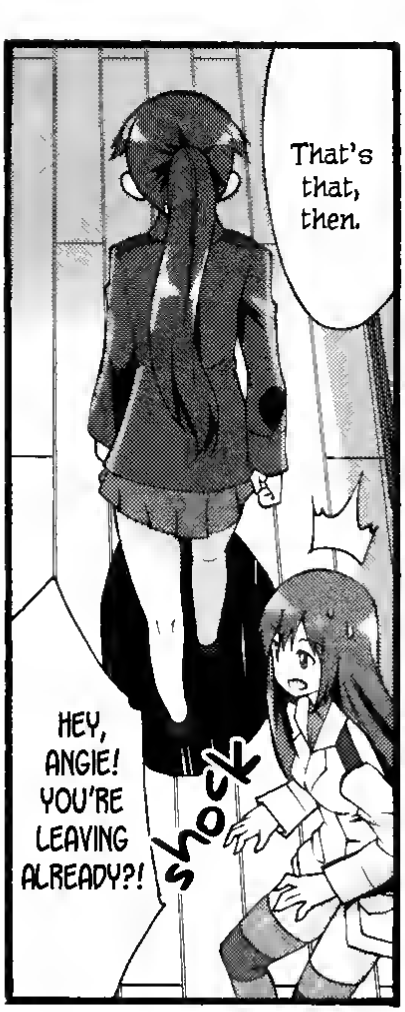
That's right. Their names are Patti and Angie.
Angie is an honorary member of the Red Pants Unit.
Whoa.

Wow, you've once fought together with the new witches?

Ah, but you could hand me a donut, Jane.
spark
Haah... Goodness, Don.

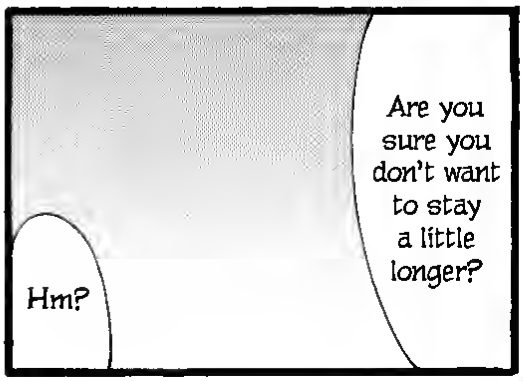
Don, join us over here?
We're meeting the new team members.
wave
wave
Like I give a damn about the other team members.

Talking behind my back? How awful.
Anyway, Angie is a stickler for rules. A real stubborn girl. You may not hit it off with her right away.
jump
Geez, what am I to do with you
Oh, speak of the devil. There's Angie.
Nice to see you again, Flying Officer Malvezzi.
Ah, but, it's true you're quite the workaholic, right?
Phm, don't get ahead of yourself.


That's that, then.
HEY, ANGIE! YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?!
shock

And I'm Patricia Schade. Nice to meet'cha.
Every-one from the Red Pants Unit knows me already, but... The name's Angela. Nice to meet you.
Nice to meet you, too.

Well... Sure, but...


Are you sure you don't want to stay a little longer?
Hm?

Greetings are done and I got no other business, so I'm going to my room to rest.

HM...
twitch

...If you insist...
SWOOP

Delicious donuts!!
Pilot Officer Luciana made snacks for the occasion!

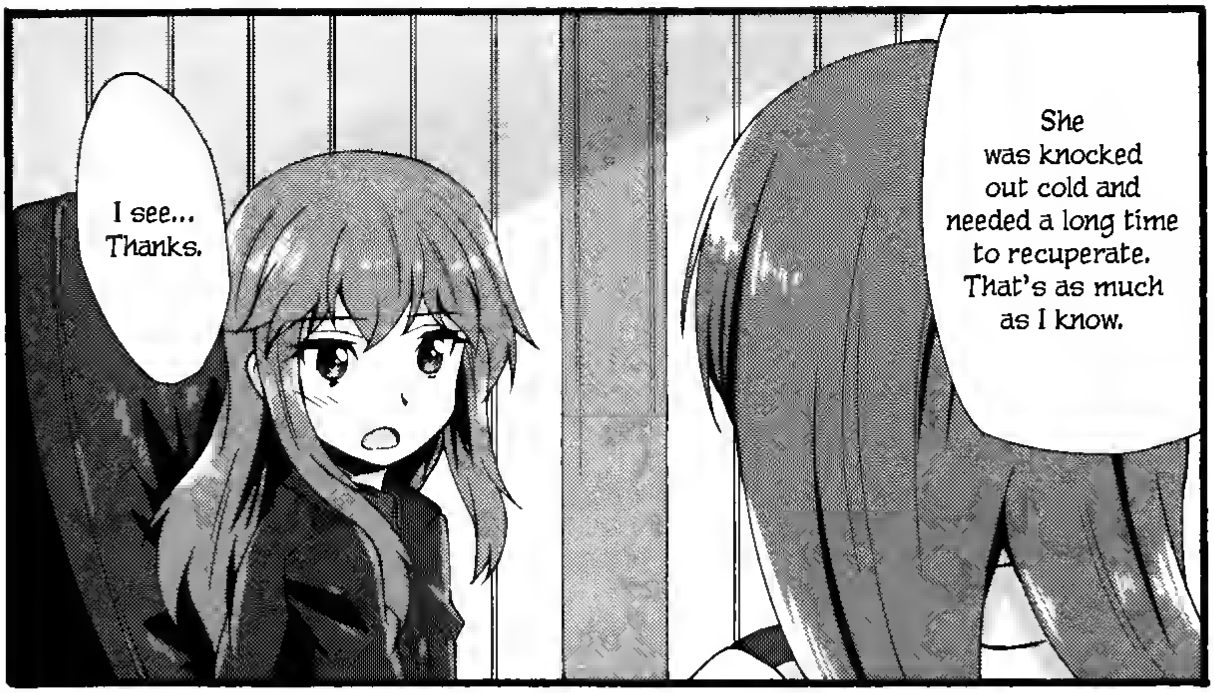
I— I WANT SOME, TOO!!

See? Aren't you glad you stayed?
How easy.
Hm-hmm... I see Luciana's cooking is as good as ever.
munch

When Doglio sustained her injury...
You were with her in that battle, correct? Can you tell me what happened?
...Say, can I ask you something, Patti?
What is it?
Whenever I ask the commander about it, she just dodges the question.
Pouf
And she doesn't have anything to hide about it either, right?
Um...
Perhaps I shouldn't talk about it, but...

That night... we faced a large-size Neuroi so we split up in three teams.
After a tough fight, we finally exposed its core.

Com-
mander
insisted
on taking
the lead
and went
ahead
When
suddenly
the core lit
up blinding
all of us...
The
explosion
hit her
body
hard...


She was knocked out cold and needed a long time to recuperate. That's as much as I know.
I see... Thanks.

I really wanted to fight together with her one more time.
Aah... What a shame.
Pomf

That sounds serious then. I guess she won't be joining us in battle.

Sure, but it doesn't have to be that bad, Fer.

Aah... Sorry, Sqd Ldr, I was asking for something you don't want others to know.
SQUADRON LEADER!!
Oh, it's not really that I don't want others to know...
It's just that, talking about your own failures and injuries is a bit awkward...
IS— IS THAT ALL...?!
Well, it's really not very interesting.
And more importantly,

That's awfully sudden...
if I could have your attention...
In one hour we'll do a mock battle with all members, so get ready.
ROGER!
C'MON ON, DON! LET'S GO!
Grumble.
Unfortunately, that's become the reality with the increased Neuroi activity recently.
Sigh.
And with new people here, we need to work on our formation.

I went through your battle reports...
Not so fast. Jane should be with me. It's not like I ever intend to fight without her.
Grr...
It concerns me how your performance is poorer when you're alone.
If you can't fight without Jane-san, we'd be in trouble in an emergency...
I'm not saying I won't respect your preferences, but...
I will decide the groups this time.
All right then, we'll split in two groups for the mock battle.
EH...?
And Jane-san joins the Red Pants Unit.
Dominica-san, Patricia-san, and Angela-san are with me.

IF YOU'RE ALL READY, MOVE OUT!!
...Fine.
Well, this time, I'll let you two be together then, all right?
FWOOM

tak
tak
tak
boost
Eek!
move
Yikes, she's fast.
woom
Tsk...
I... got it... already...
Dominica-san's burst of speed is truly impressive, but...
DOMINICA-SAN, YOU'RE FOCUSING TOO MUCH BEHIND YOU!!

Angela-san, provide back-up!!
ROGER.
BOOM
Angela-san is good at midrange support...
HYAA!!
splash
ratata
DAMN YOU!!

Phew...
Gwuuu
Boom
Boom
GAAH!!
Right, Angie's specialty...
IS EXACTLY THIS!!

She got me...
Urrrrr
And Patricia-san is good at defense.
GHU WAAH!!
SPLASH
ばしゃ
Don... she's having it tough...
Now...
GWWM

FWOM
GWWMM
JUMP
GOT YOU!!
DON!!

SPLASH
DOMI-NICA!!
CHARGE IN!!
H-HUH?!
NO WAY, I LOST ?!
BANG
GRIT
Haah...
Haah...
...I'm not gonna thank you, you know

Fufu, sure.
Good work everyone, that's it for the...
Takei, come in?
I BROUGHT ALL THE AMMO YOU NEED!!
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FIGHT, BUT I CAN STILL FLY!!
ROGER!!
LOAD UP AND BLAST THOSE NEUROI OUT OF THE SKY!!
Sqd Ldr Doglio?
A Neuroi has been sighted in the vicinity.
Roger. We'll return to base and...
No need.

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